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International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC IPC(6): H05B 1/02 and US Cl.: 219/505, 540, 544, 539, 520; 338/22R		
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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 3 sheets.

This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority. (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of 0 sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I Basis of the report
- II Priority
- III Non-establishment of report with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability
- IV Lack of unity of invention
- V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI Certain documents cited
- VII Certain defects in the international application
- VIII Certain observations on the international application

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.
PCT/IL98/00354

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC(6) :H05B 1/02

US CL :Please See Extra Sheet

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

U.S. : 219/505, 540, 544, 539, 520;
338/22RDocumentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched
219/504, 528;
338/318, 319, 329Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)
APS, Japanese patent abstracts**C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT**

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	US 5,562,844 A (BOHLENDER ET AL) 08 OCTOBER 1996, SEE ENTIRE DOCUMENT.	1-16
A	US 4,414,052 A (HABATA ET AL) 08 NOVEMBER 1983, SEE ENTIRE DOCUMENT.	1-16
A	US 4,352,008 A (HOFER ET AL) 08 NOVEMBER 1983, SEE ENTIRE DOCUMENT.	1-16
A,P	US 5,756,215 A (SAWAMURA ET AL) 26 MAY 1998 , SEE ENTIRE DOCUMENT.	1-16

Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C. See patent family annex.

• Special categories of cited documents:	*T*	later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention
A document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance		
B earlier document published on or after the international filing date	*X*	document of particular relevance: the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone
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O document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means	*Z*	document member of the same patent family
P document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed		

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. STATEMENT**

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>1-16</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO
Inventive Step (IS)	Claims <u>1-16</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-16</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

2. CITATIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

Claims 1-16 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(4), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest bonding of the metallic electrode to a PTC element using an electrically conductive adhesive containing finely divided silicon carbide and finely divided silicon.

----- NEW CITATIONS -----
NONE

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PCT/IL98/00354**L Basis of the report**

1. This report has been drawn on the basis of (Substitute sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to the report since they do not contain amendments):

 the international application as originally filed. the description, pages 1-9, as originally filed.
pages NONE, filed with the demand.
pages NONE, filed with the letter of _____.
pages _____, filed with the letter of _____. the claims, Nos. 1-16, as originally filed.
Nos. NONE, as amended under Article 19.
Nos. NONE, filed with the demand.
Nos. NONE, filed with the letter of _____.
Nos. _____, filed with the letter of _____. the drawings, sheets/fig 1, as originally filed.
sheets/fig NONE, filed with the demand.
sheets/fig NONE, filed with the letter of _____.
sheets/fig _____, filed with the letter of _____.

2. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

 the description, pages NONE
 the claims, Nos. NONE
 the drawings, sheets/fig NONE

3. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box Additional observations below (Rule 70.2(c)).

4. Additional observations, if necessary:

NONE